

**Maine EMS Examination Committee Meeting
Tuesday, September 16, 2003
Maine EMS Conference Room, Augusta**

Minutes

Present: J. Vaniotis – Chair, G. Utgard, K. Roderick, D. Gilman, , T. Coleman, J. LeBrun, B. Hawkes, T. Norsworthy (via videoconferencing)

Absent: R. Doughty

Staff: D. White

1. Call To Order - The meeting was called to order at 9:41 a.m.

D. White indicated that he would be presenting an examiner training session in Aroostook County on September 27, 2003, for the County's IC's and examiners.

A. Assign Timekeeper – D. Gilman

B. Additions/Deletions to the Agenda – None

2. Minutes – April 15, 2003, meeting minutes - review for acceptance

The minutes of the April 15, 2003, meeting were reviewed

Motion: To accept the minutes of the April 15, 2003 meeting. (Utgard; Coleman - motion carries).

3. Old Business

A. SMTC Comparison of Intermediate Exams

B. Hawkes distributed a comparison document outlining the similarities and differences between the Maine and National Registry Intermediate exams. He then reviewed the document, which showed variations between the two practical exams in stations for ET suction, dual lumen devices, CPR and FBAO, static and dynamic cardiology, IV bolus medication, subcutaneous injection, pediatric intraosseous infusion, splinting, spinal immobilization and bleeding control.

If the two exams were judged equivalent, it would allow students from the SMCC program who sit for the NREMT exam to gain NREMT registration and at the same time allow them to be licensed in

Maine. It could, however, also allow any person who produces a valid NREMT Intermediate exam to use that exam to fulfill Maine EMS requirements at the Intermediate level.

Extensive discussion ensued concerning the Maine Intermediate and Paramedic exams and the exams' relationships with the Maine EMS approved curriculum.

Currently, a person who produces proof of a valid NREMT exam at the EMT-B or EMT-P levels may use those exams to satisfy Maine EMS testing requirements for licensure.

Concerns were expressed about extending the same equivalency to EMT-I, because of the differences between Maine's Intermediate curriculum and the National Department of Transportation (DOT) curriculum - on which the NREMT Intermediate exam is based.

Consensus was to have staff check with the Maine EMS Education and Training Coordinator to find out if the DOT curriculum meets or exceeds the Maine curriculum and to report back to the committee at the next meeting.

B. Meeting Schedule

As the October meeting date coincides with Bill Brown's visit from NREMT, ***the consensus was to have the next Exam Committee meeting on November 18, 2003.***

4. New Business

A. NREMT Visit in October

D. White reported that Bill Brown, Executive Director of the National Registry of EMT (NREMT) will be at Maine EMS on October 21, 2003, at 10:00 a.m. to present a program on NREMT and to answer questions about the NREMT, its exams and its plans for the future.

The committee discussed the current issues concerning the NREMT exams and decided that the best approach to the meeting would be to submit questions to Bill Brown in advance in order to provide him with the opportunity to provide specific answers for the concerns raised.

Consensus was to have committee members submit their questions for Bill Brown to D. White by no later than October 3, 2003. White will compile the questions and forward them to Mr. Brown. A final list of the questions will be provided to the committee members.

5. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be November 18, 2003 at 9:30 a.m. at Maine EMS.

A. Set Agenda - Next agenda to include:

- ♦ Update on NREMT Meeting
- ♦ Follow-up on SMCC inquiry about NREMT EMT-I exams

5. **Adjournment** - The meeting was adjourned at 12:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Drexell White